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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0422

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, PFOR, SF, WA

SUBJECT: JOINT APPROACH TO SAG ON NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 82913 AND 82914, LUSAKA 668, LONDON 5573

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR BOTTOMLEY HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREED TEXT FOR JOINT AIDE-MEMOIRE ON WHICH WE WILL COMPARE NOTES LATER TODAY. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS EARLIER DRAFT AIDE-MEMOIRE TEXT AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COORDINATE WITH BOTTOMLEY AND ME BUT IS STILL AWAITING FINAL AGREED TEXT AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH APPOINTMENT. IT AGREED THAT ONCE HE RECEIVES GO-AHEAD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEGENDRE AS SENIOR IN PRECEDENCE WILL REQUEST JOINT APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN MULLER. LEGENDRE, HOWEVER, IS SAYING FAREWELLS AND PLANS LEAVE CAPE TOWN APRIL 20 TO SPEND NEXT WEEK IN PRETORIA PRIOR HIS FINAL DEPARTURE APRIL 27 FOR FRANCE. I WILL ADVISE DEPT ON TIMING OF APPROACH ASAP.

2. WHILE DELAY SUGGESTED IN LUSAKA 668 MAY WELL OCCUR FORTUITOUSLY, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT NAMIBIA PARAGRAPHS OF OAU RESOLUTION REPORTED IN LONDON 5573 WERE VERY WELL  
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DESIGNED TO OVERCOME VORSTER'S OBJECTIONS TO DEALING

EXCLUSIVELY WITH UN OR SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND GIVEN THE LIMITED TIME LEFT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT THAT WOULD BE OF LATER USE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IT WOULD SEEM INADVISABLE TO TRY TO RENEGOTIATE AGREED WORDING OF JOINT AIDE-MEMOIRE. AGREED TALKING POINTS FOR JOINT APPROACH WOULD OFFER BETTER VEHICLE TO INCLUDE MENTION OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH OAU COMMITTEE, IF THAT WERE DEEMED USEFUL, BUT SAG MAY HAVE SAME SENSITIVITY TOWARD OAU COMMITTEE AS TOWARD UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA. IN ANY EVENT, IT MIGHT PROVE EASIER TO COVER THIS POINT IN SUBSEQUENT BILATERAL CONTACTS THAN AS PART OF JOINT DEMARCHE.  
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